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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: APER, CGEN SUBJECT: RELEASE OF FSL

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1. ABBAS IS SURPRISINGLY FIT, BOTH MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF HIS EXPERIENCES. ONE OF THE QUESTIONS CONCERNING HIS FUTURE FOLLOWING HIS RELEASE WAS EMPLOYMENT. WE WERE UNSURE IF HE WOULD WISH TO RETURN TO WORK WITH USINT AND LESS SURE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE GOI WOULD LET HIM. THIS ISSUE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN RESOLVED: ABBAS APPARENTLY WAS NEVER CONSIDERING ANYTHING OTHER THAN RETURNING TO WORK, AND WE HAVE GOOD INDICATIONS THAT THE IRAQIS WILL NOT OBJECT TO HIS RE-EMPLOYMENT.

2. WE HAVE NOTIFIED THE MFA OF HIS RETURN TO WORK AND REQUESTED REVALIDATION OF HIS SECURITY CLEARANCE AS REQUIRED BY GOI. HE HAS SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED AT THE MFA, EXPLAINING THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO APPLY EARLIER BECAUSE HE WAS IN PRISON FOR KILLING A PEDESTRIAN (THE COVER STORY SUGGESTED BY HIS FORMER JAILERS), AND HAS BEEN TOLD THAT HE CAN START WORK. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. AS A RESULT, ABBAS IS SLOWLY, AT OUR REQUEST, RESUMING FULL-TIME DUTIES AT USINT. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY DIFFICULTIES IN RE-INTEGRATING HIM INTO THE STAFF, AND HE HAS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED THE QUALITITES THAT MADE HIM SUCHA VALUABLE EMPLOYEE BEFORE. WHILE NOTHING IS CERTAIN, IT APPEARS THAT THE ISSUE IS

CLOSED INSOFAR AS ABBAS AND THE SECURITY FORCES ARE CONCERNED. WE SHALL BE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER ASPECTS OF HIS IMPRISONMENT BY SEPTEL.

4. FOR NEA/ARN. WE ASSUME YOU HAVE ALREADY NOTIFIED DAVID MACK, WHO IS OF COURSE VERY INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER. PECK

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